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Where Have All The Dollars Gone?

by Hoto & Zeke

Someone once said that inflation is the unseen tax. Unseen, my ass! Every time I reach for my wallet, I can see it very clearly. The \$10 bills there resemble \$1 bills more and more all the time. With double-digit inflation I guess it's only a matter of time before they tack on another zero to the bills now out.

However, no matter how much we rely on the government agencies throwing numbers in our faces, dates, buying power, etc., the real problem with inflation is in the application of the theories, not in the numbers themselves. It is when inflation eats at our ability to buy new clothes or a beer that it is a real pain in the aforementioned ass.

Therefore, for your reading pleasure and mental anguish, here are a few of these commonplace "slices" to lend those impotent numbers unfortunate potency.

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"What comes between me and my Calvins?"
\$41.95.

Although many American designers hope Nancy Reagan's taste can bolster their business, one man sells anything he can put his name on. Calvin Klein is the only jean label that the dealers on M Street won't put on sale.

Some manufacturers' prices have come down because of competition, but the crunch hasn't hit Klein. Last year his label had one line selling at \$39.95. Today those jeans will cost you \$41.95. They must be worth it (I don't know, I've never owned anything but genuine Levis); Brooke Shields ignores her rent to buy them.

There are, however, people for whom Calvin just isn't good enough. Officials from various embassies go up to Up Against The Wall asking for the most expensive jeans they carry. Hearing their meager price, the foreigners often turn and walk away. They are looking for \$100.00 jeans.

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I was getting desperate. See, it was Tuesday and I spent the whole night in the library. Well, maybe not the whole night, but it seemed like a very long half hour.

"God, I need a beer" was repeating in my brain in place of the calc formulas I neglected to memorize. "To hell with this," I thought, and I ran back to New South to collect all of my pennies that I received as change for the numerous Cokes I'd bought all semester....Forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine,...FIFTY! To the Pub!

Caring not that it was Soul Night, I ran past the doorman flashing my ID. Then the familiar phrase, "Last call for alcohol," sang out over the PA system. "Just in time," I sighed.

So I step up to the counter and say in my best Bogart, "Give me a Schlitz and make it quick, buddy." I nonchalantly toss the pennies on the stained wood counter, much to the bartender's dismay. As I hold up the glistening brew, preparing all senses for the impending shock, suddenly the guy grabs the beer out

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"There we are. Now let's hear your dispatch from the front."

GRR! Bad Dog Tops Mascot Poll

BRUX, the bad dog of the Jack Masters' household, garnered the most votes in LSD's Hobby Mascot Poll, a plurality of 12 votes out of the total 62 cast.

Second place was captured by CARUSO, the LSD housecat, who received 9 votes. The dog that started it all, Bruce Linsey's TROUBLE took third with 7 votes, and Gary Coughlan's nominee, the GREAT WHITE SHARK got 6 votes for fourth place.

In a tie with 5 votes each were KATHY THE BETA, the CAMELEON, and NOBODY. KATHY BYRNE received 3 votes, and the PET ROCK and the DIRECTIONER each received 2 votes. Receiving only 1 vote apiece were BLOODSUCKER, BOB THE MOA, JOHNNIE THE GNOME, MASTERS, the DIPPER FROM EO, and CALHAMER.

We are unable to show the readers a picture of the poll winner, but we understand he growled and bared his teeth when informed of the result. Perhaps Masters, his master, will publish BRUX's picture in BLACK FROG.

Upon hearing that a dog won the poll, CARUSO's response was, "Nao!" But he promised to keep his toenails sharp in case BRUX abdicates his position. CARUSO did vow to stay out of Mike's lap for at least six months (but with the arrival of warmer weather, Mike welcomed this turn of events).

Despite a dramatic scenario in the recent issue of VOICE OF DOOM portraying a victory for TROUBLE, it was not to be, and the also-ran dog had no comment for our reporters.

A request for a run-off vote among the top 3 or 4 vote-getters brought snorts to the nostrils of the leading candidates, who were all exhausted from the rigorous campaign.

As a final note on the vote tally, MARTHA COLE received 1 write-in vote, and three ballots were thrown out as improperly cast or illegible.

The staff and management of LSD extend thanks to the other hobby publishers who gave the Mascot Poll such excellent coverage in the zinepress. And thanks to all the hobby members who took the trouble to express their preference for this important post.

★ ROUNDUP

of Texas & International News

GAMESTARTS!!! The end of the phone demonstration game leaves room for 2 more games of regular Dip. These are the last games to start here for at least six months, perhaps longer. The gamefee has been increased to \$10 to discourage frivolous entries and NMRs. For players in these games ("H" & "I" -- anyone have suggestions for code names?) the awards have been increased to the following levels: sole winner gets a ten-issue sub extension to LSD, participants in a 2-way draw each get 7 issues. All other survivors will get 5 free issues of LSD. As a consolation prize, 3 freebies will go to players who are eliminated. Players who drop or are replaced get nothing, but replacement players will be eligible for all prizes. **PUBLISHERS: Do not plug these openings, please.**

CORRECTION. The DPA proposal printed last issue was incorrectly attributed. If you have any comments they should be addressed to the author of that article, Al Pearson; Rt. 1, Box 177B5; Kearneysville, WV 25430; who also publishes JUST AMONG FRIENDS.

STATISTICS. EVERYTHING #47 is now available for 60¢ from its soon-to-be-former publisher Bob Sergeant; 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224 (who also publishes ST.GEORGE & THE DRAGON). It is not exciting reading, since it's the official journal of the Boardman Number Custodian, Lee Kendter, Sr.; 4347 Benner St.; Philadelphia, PA 19135. It's his duty to issue serial numbers to postalgames and print pertinent facts about each game: zine, names of players, and results. Currently reported winners include LSD readers Mark Johnson (79CR), Al Pearson (76EK), Ron Brown (77HG), Lee Kendter, Sr. (78HA), Bob Sergeant (78HU), John Caruso (78CZ), Steve McLendon (79AK), Bruce Linsey (79CF), Stephen Lee (79CW), and John Michalski (80AQ). I can't wait to see the next stab list, since these folks are sure to rise in the rankings. The shortest game listed (80IE) ended in a 2-way draw in 1904 with no player having been eliminated. The longest (79HE) was a short-deadline game that ran 23 gameyears and ended with Bob Osuch's win.

PLUGS. Not your run-of-the-mill frantic dipzine, REBUS SIC STANTIBUS contains one regular Dip game and one Grand Tournament variant, plus a Thomas Hardy poem, a player profile, and a couple of brief notes. A great cover illustration features a drawing from a WWI poster. Write to Drew McGee; PO Box 325, Bowling Green Sta.; Staten Island, NY 10301; and have a look for yourself...OK, so now I'm convinced that Jane Proskin and her zine PEEK are real. The second issue came this month with another little love not. Jane has quit using Jack Masters' mailing labels, probably since she's cut her mailing list severely. If you write her a nice letter and send a couple of 18¢ stamps ("Occupant"; PO Box 6824; Burbank, CA 91510) she might add your name to her list...Issue #37 of THE BUZZARD'S BREATH (yuck! what a name!) announced openings for Third Reich, En Garde, Source of the Nile, and Diplomacy. It also carries a number of other games, Third Reich among the most numerous. Mark Matuschak; Hinman Box 3224; Dartmouth College; Hanover, NH 03755 is the publisher of this 22-page zine that deserves a look. Send at least 2 stamps for a sample.

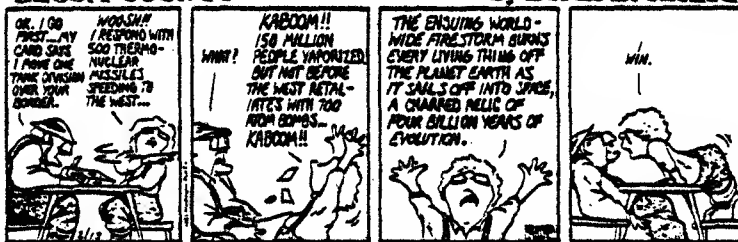
SUBS EXPIRING. Subs expire this issue for Fritz, Lew, Mercer, Ohlendorf, and Tinker. Issue #8 is the last for Boudon and Tatsch.

HOBBY CENSUS. It's not too late for publishers to send your mailing lists to Glenn Overby; 23096 Tawas; Hazel Park, MI 48030. He is compiling a census of subbers and needs this information by the Ides of April, so hurry.

GOLDEN FROG AWARDS. A special issue of Jack Masters' innovative zine BLACK FROG announced the winners of the 1980 Golden Frogs. Taking top honors for Zine of the Year was MURD'RING MINISTERS (Ron Brown/1528 El Sereno Pl./Bakersfield, CA 93304). EMHAIN MACHA (Michael Mills/1585 Quaker Rd./Macedon, NY 14502) won the award for Sophomore Zine of the Year. Taking the Frog for New Zine of the Year was LONE STAR DIPLOMAT [Thanks, Jack!]. Other frogs went to prominent hobby personalities: Bruce Linsey, Kathy Byrne, Allen Wells, and Lee Kendter, Sr. with honorable mention to Mark Berch and John Michalski. Highlighted events included the proliferation of fake zines and a fake national championship tournament, and the Caruso-Linsey Feud.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



COSMIC ENCOUNTER. BLACK FROG has openings for a test run of Jack Masters' postal version of this sf/negotiating game. Rules were published in BF #37, and are probably available for a first class stamp. Send two stamps and ask for a sample of the whole zine, which I highly recommend since subbers are guaranteed to find at least one or two surprises in the mailbox each month. The fact that Jack has been publishing for less than a year and is already up to issue #38 (or higher by the time you read this, most likely) should indicate something, so write to 25711 North Vista Fairways Drive, Valencia, CA 91355.

NMR INSURANCE. Boudon, C. & C. Cunningham, Daly, Ditter, Fritz, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, Henry, Keith, Koehler, Luedi, Martin, Mayes, Peacock, Pierce, Porteny, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stephens, Tatsch, Van Wie, & Williams.

STANDBYS. Donaldson, Fritz, Fuß, Gallagher, Grabar, Guajardo, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, Keith, King, Langley, Larzelere, McLendon, McPherrren, Mills, Nichols, Olsen, Pierce, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stevens, Tatsch, Van Wie, C. Williams, J. Williams, & Woodson.

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FREEBIES. I forgot to mention last issue that Allen King's sub was extended by one issue for his review of WARCON. The timely article (since it's tax time, you know, and money is on everyone's mind) by Hoto & Zeke earns four issues of LSD. And finally, con-



Heart O' Texas Orphanage

Victory has a hundred fathers, but defeat is an orphan.

--Count Galeazzo Ciano



1979 HS **Armadillo** F 1906

LEGION LEAVES FOR AFRICA
AS KRAUTS KICK DERRIÈRE

[SUMMER 1906: England retreats F Nth-Lon; Russia retreats F Con-Ank.]

AUSTRIA (Mark Larzelere): F AEG-Smy, A SER-Tri, A BUL s Turkish A Con, A GRE s A Bul.

ENGLAND (Craig Williams): F Lon-ENG, F Nwg-NAT, F Ska-NTH.

FRANCE (Larry Boudon): F Bre-MID, A Bur-PIC, A Bel s German A Hol [dsl, ret to Ruh or dsb], A Mar-TUN, F LYO & F WES c A Mar-Tun.

GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): F Hal-DEN, A Den-SWE, A Mun-BUR, F Nth-BEL, A HOL s F Nth-Bel.

ITALY (John Koehler): F Tus-ROM, A Nap-APU, A Via-BUD, A TRI s A Via-Bud, F ADR s A Tri.

RUSSIA (John Daly): F Ciy-LPL, F Nwy-NWG, A Swe-NWY, A STP s A Swe-Nwy, A RUM s Turkish A Con-Bul [nso], A UKR s A Rum, F ANK-Con, A SMY s F Ank-Con, F BLA s F Ank-Con.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): A CON s Austrian F Aeg-Smy.

- A concession to Russia has been proposed. Votes will be tabulated before winter builds. NVR = yes.

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MARSEILLES: The people lined the docks and wharves of Marseilles today as the newly formed French Foreign Legion departed for Tunisia, the newly acquired French colony. The president was heard to say that this could be the start of a proud new tradition.

JOHN [D] to JOHN [K]: Do you realize that we've pushed two Diplomacy veterans out of the hobby?

LONDON: The new King of England has put out a call for mercy. He was heard to should, "And I can't even have their addresses to plea for restraint!"

LSD-LON: Sorry. You do now, don't you?

LONDON: As a precaution, the English crown jewels were transported to the United States aboard an American destroyer. With the Americans preaching neutrality, Britain faces a grim struggle. Where is Churchill when you need him? Long live the King (even though he already hopped on a boat for Ireland).

SMY-PAR: Not that way, your other east!

SMY-MOS: Take that, you dirty rat. Is this the end of Turkey?

LSD-SMY: Not just yet, it seems!

SMY-WORLD: Do you all plan to concede to Russia? Who will help me in my hour of need?

GREECE to COLD, CRUEL WORLD: How can you guys wipe out this poor Turk who makes phone calls when he's down to one center?

BER-PAR: Disarmament along the Franco-German border could be a positive & mutually beneficial idea at another time, another circumstance, but strategy & national interest dictate otherwise at this time. You seek to shift your attention & strength to the north, & there are already too many of us tripping over each other up there as it is. Larry, I guess this means war.

BER-ROM: Will you follow my lead? And please write; I worry so when I don't hear from you.

BER-MOS: I've always wanted to visit Sweden at this time of year, and I hope to make the trip this season. I won't be going to Edi as we discussed; that fleet is needed elsewhere. I do hope you understand.

BER-CON & VIE (in exile): I don't think you will see any French fleets heading east, and without them your chances of survival are nil. Isn't it a cruel and bitter world in which we live?

79HT GERMANY to 79HS: Hi guys, me again. Yeah, I've been doing all right over my way, but there's no challenge. You see, I write most of the press, and well, it gets tough to keep up a conversation with yourself for more than a year or so. So, if you don't mind, I'll just write for you guys.

79HT GERMANY to 79HS TURKEY: So what are you worried about? You have 9 centers and--oops. Sorry, wrong Turkey. Hang in there!

79HT GERMANY to 79HS: Watch out for the new Austrian. I hear he's known for his appalling greed. (I know: booooo!)

LSD: He means APPALLING GREED, obtainable from the Austrian for a stamp or two--or maybe a pledge of friendship?

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1906 adjustments:

A:	Bud, Ser, Gre, Rum, BUL	3/remove 1
E:	Lon, Edi, Lpl, Bel	2/remove 1
		(1 ann)
F:	Home, Por, Spa, Tun	6/even
G:	Home, Hol, BEL, Den, SWE	7/build 2
I:	Home, Tri, Vie, BUD	6/build 1
R:	Home, Nwy, Swe, LPL, RUM, Bul,	
	Con, Ank, SMY	9/even
T:	SMY, CON	1/even



79 HT **Bluebonnet** W 1906

KAISER, TSAR ORDER FATAL RETREATS;
EUROPE PAUSES TO MOURN FALLEN

[Autumn 1906 retreats: Germany retreats A Lvn-Pru & Russia retreats F Ber-Pru; both are annihilated. Russia also retreats F Nwy-Ska.]

ENGLAND (CD): GM removes F Nwg; eliminated.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): Builds F MAR; also has F NAT, F NTH, F EDI, F MID, A BUR, A NAF, & A SPA (8).

GERMANY (Dick Martin): Build A MUN; also has A RUH, A KIE, A BER, A SWE, F NWY, & F BAL (7; plays one short).

ITALY (Tony Auxier): Removes F APU; has A VEN & A ROM (2).

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): Has F RUM, F SKA, A STP, A LVN, A WAR, A SIL, & A BOH (7).

TURKEY (Charles Cunningham): Builds F SMY; also has F ADR, F NAP, F ION, F TRI, F WES, A CON, A BUL, & A SER (9).

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VATICAN: The Roman Pontiff has declared that the infidel Turks have as much chance of taking Rome as a Polack does of becoming Pope.

ROME-EUROPE: After King Roscoe III abdicated last year the citizenry flocked to and begged the ever-popular Prince Antonio de Bologna, Count of Pisa, and the greatest hurdy-gurdy man who ever lived, to sell his monney and come to Rome. Quickly grasping the current hostilities which are causing ceaseless turmoil in all Europe, he has proposed the only solution impartial to all belligerents which has any chance of

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Cactus

F 1902

TRIPLE ATTACK ON DUAL MONARCHY CREATES BALKAN REFUGEE PROBLEM

[Summer 1902: England retreats F Mid-Gas.]

AUSTRIA (Steve Cartier): A Bud-Tri [ds], ann],
F ADR s A Bud-Tri, A SER-Bul, F Gre s

A Ser-Bul [ds], ret to Alb or dsb].

ENGLAND (David Pierce): A Nwy-Yor [imp; ds], ret
to Fin or dsb], F Eng-BEL, F NTH s F Eng-Bel,
F Gas-Bre [ds], ann].

FRANCE (Gregg Fritz): F BRE s F Mid, F MID s
F Bre, A Spa-GAS, A PAR s A Spa-Gas,
A BUR-Bel.

GERMANY (Charles Cunningham): A HOL s English
F Nth-Bel, A RUH s A Mun, A MUN s A Ruh,
F DEN h.

ITALY (James Lawnczak): A Tyo-VIE, A TRI s
A Tyo-Vie, A VEN s A Tri, F ION s Italian
A Smy-Gre [nsu].

RUSSIA (Bob Sergeant): A Ukr-RUM, A Rum-BUD,
A GAL s A Rum-Bud, F SEV s A Ukr-Rum,
A Stp-NWY, F SWE s A Stp-Nwy.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): A SMY-Gre, F AEG c
A Smy-Gre, A BUL s A Smy-Gre, F CON s A Bul.

- Winter adjustments and Spring 1903 orders (which
may be conditional on adjustments) are due by next
deadline: 24 April 1981.

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TURKEY-AUSTRIA: Your fate is sealed, the end is
near! What I can't understand is what you did to
provoke France.

LSD: What I can't understand is why press is so
skimpy for this game!

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1902 adjustments:

A: Home, Ser	1/remove 2 (1 ann)
E: Home, Nwy, BEL	4/build 1 (1 ann)
F: Home, Spa, Por	5/even
G: Home, Den, HOL	5/build 1
I: Home, Tun, TRI, VIE	6/build 2
R: Home, Swe, NWY, Rum, BUD	8/build 2
T: Home, Bul	4/even

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success. This solution is extremely simple, sensible,
and workable. All four of the other Great Powers re-
maining must concede to Italy. The reasons and
benefits are manifold. 1) This game would be immortal-
ized if you concede to a 2-center Italy, it would be
remembered and talked about forever. 2) Peace would
make everyone happy? 3) It would save the rest of
you from a boring 4-way draw. 4) If it doesn't save
you from that, it would save some of you from em-
barassing defeat. 5) If Italy wins no one loses? 6) If
you don't concede I must release the terrible mite of
the Italian armed forces upon each of you in turn.
Because of these and other lesser reasons too numer-
ous to mention, I urge each of you to concede to
Italy.

VATICAN-EUROPE: The Pope asks the heads of
Europe (France, Germany, & Italy) to declare a Holy
Crusade against the Terrible Turk. If the Russian
Orthodox Army would join this crusade, the Pope is
willing to recognize the Patriarch of Moscow as an
equal and create a dual Papacy for a united Roman-
Eastern Christendom. First, however, Ivan must help
destroy the Ottoman infidel.

FLORENCE-MUNICH: Hope all of this crap appeases
your insatiable desire for press.

MILAN-VERSAILLES: The King wishes the French
Foreign Legion in Naf well and invites them to Naples,
Tunisia, or any other place these Turkish mongrels
are hatching from.

SYRACUSE-KIEL: We have nearly succeeded in luring
the Turks into our capital. We urgently need informa-
tion as to how this will advance them to their doom.
Please rush. We wish to implement this phase of our
strategy as soon as possible.

MUN-THE SKY ABOVE: Why me, Lord? All these
conditionals have burned out me poor brain.

LSD-MUN: Maybe the separation of seasons will ease
the strain somewhat.

BER-LSD: Hey, you write press! Why not join this
game? Oh...I see. Can it be cured?

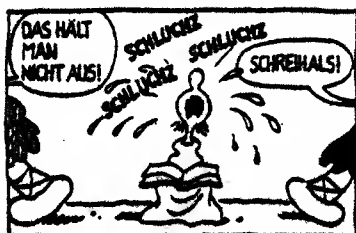
LVN ON THE WAY TO PRU-MOS: Sorry. It must
have been my mommy!

KIE: Experts predict a nuclear explosion to decimate
the province of Prussia some time this winter.

A warning has been spread that any military unit to
enter the province in the near future will face dire
consequences. Take heed, Bob! Please?

HAGAR der SCHREKLICH

von Dik Browne





1980 KG **Derrick** S 1902

TSAR TENDERS A-H ALLIANCE OFFER;
ITALY EYES TURKISH POPPY FIELDS

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): A VIE-Gal, A BUD-Rum,
A TRI h, A Ser-BUL, F GRE s A Ser-Bul.
ENGLAND (Jack Smith): A Yor-LON, F Lon-ENG,
F NTH s F Lon-Eng, F NWY s German F Den-Swe.
FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): A Por-SPA, A Mar-BUR,
A PIC s A Mar-Bur, F Spa(sc)-MID, F BRE-Eng.
GERMANY (Al Giddings): A Hol-BEL, F Kie-BAL,
F Den-SWE, A Ber-SIL, A MUN s A Ber-Sil.
ITALY (Mark Luedi): F Ion-EAS, F Nap-ION,
A VEN-Tri, A TUN 2 (imp; h).
RUSSIA (David Pierce): F BOT-Bal, A GAL-Sil,
A Ukr-WAR, F SEV s Austrian A Bud-Rum.
TURKEY (Mike Henry): A Ank-ARM, A Bul-Rum
(dsI, ann), F BLA s A Bul-Rum, A CON h.

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- COA: Al Giddings; PO Box 1495; Enid, OK 73701.
- COA: Mark Luedi; 5353 Fairdale, Houston, TX
77056.

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ROMA-BERLIN: Mercenaries would've been nice but
it appears they will not now be needed to help combat
COA Bonstricters that have invaded the Italian capital.
The final assault is being turned back, and Roma will
be finally rid of the venomous creatures.

LSD: Apparently the pesky critters have infested
other capitals as well.

TUNIZ: The recently released criminal El Zappo has
assumed command of the Italian 1st Army now based in
Tunizia, the culmination of a series of events that can
only be labeled as an overnight sensation. The story,
just picked up by the European Press Zervize, has
already received much attention in French newspaperz.
(Those French are such fine journalists!)

The new general's story began when he was
accidentally released from a Tunizian prison, where he,
as an Italian citizen, was being held for obzzenity
charges. One of the newly arrived Italian officers
mistook El Zappo for a former classmate at the Venice
School of Illiteracy; and upon his release, he fell in
with a group of Tunizian Nationalists, organizing that
group into a national front. One of the group's de-
mands was the changing of the name Tunis to Tuniz.

The major stepping stone in the takeover occurred
when the troops of the Italian 1st Army refused to
fight against El Zappo. He had become rather popular
with the troops for his extravagant exploits and soon
rose in the ranks to take command last week. The
new general is a dazzling character, with great char-
isma and confidence. He bruzhez off his notorious
past as immature pranks; he has now become a member
of the establishment class of zozlety. He considers
himself politically indifferent, a moderate if anything,
but Italian government sources indicate the govern-
ment considers him a threat to national security, be-
cause of his past and his stupendous rise to power.

In a personal interview, we did ask him who he
would best consider as hobby mascot. He admitted
his ignorance of the matter, but upon looking through
the list of candidates, he said he liked none of them,
as none had even the decency to have a Z in their
name.

LZD: What about Caruzo?

HERR DOKTOR-NEIGHBORS: My moves this trip tried
to kill several birds with too few stones. Now every-
one tell me just one more time EXACTLY what it is
you want, and more importantly, how much you're
willing to pay. Prizes to the highest bidders.

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1981 A **Enchanted Rock** W 1901

DUAL MONARCHY DOUBLES MILITARY;
NAVAL ACTION EXPECTED IN WEST

AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): Builds F TRI, A VIE, &
A BUD; also has F GRE, A BUL, & A SER (6).
ENGLAND (Jim Keith): Builds F LON; also has
F NTH, F NWY, & A YOR. (4).
FRANCE (William Owen): Builds F BRE & A PAR;
also has A BUR, A SPA, & F POR. (5).
GERMANY Builds A BER &
A KIE; also has A HOL, A MUN, & F DEN (5).
ITALY (Guy Hall): Builds F NAP; also has F TUN,
A APU & A TYO. (4).
RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): Builds F STP(nc) & F SEV;
also has F RUM, F SWE, A MOS, & A ARM (6).
TURKEY Builds A SMY; also has
F CON & A ANK (3).

- Thanks to Mike Mills for submitting standby orders,
although they were not used.

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ALGIERS: Not wishing to grovel too much, heads of
state from all over Europe are sending congratulations
to Franz (Fred) Joseph through Ambassador D'Annunci
on the Emperor's extraordinary successes in 1901. No
reports are forthcoming but it is assumed that the
King of Austria & Hungary took the field himself
despite his advanced age to teach the Turks and
their toadies the Bulgars a lesson in war. I, too,
would like to extend my hardest congratulations on
your amazing feat, aardvark. Or better yet, armadillo
('cause we all is playing in Texas, y'all). An
announcement of union between Austria and the newly
proclaimed Italian protectorate is expected soon from
bargaining tables here in Algiers.

ROM-MOS: I did not I did not I did not I did not I...

PARIS: Enthusiastic Spanish and Portuguese volun-
teers marched in review today as the formation of
Le Armée du Nord was announced. Commanding the
new force was Major General Angel Sanchez, with
Lt. Gen. Francois Lebeau assisting.

BREST: With the generous help of our Iberian allies
a new battlefleet left the ways today led by a brand
new flagship, the Terrible. With four 12" guns and
eight 7.6" guns on a 15,000 ton hull she is truly the
ultimate in modern naval design. Leading the new
fleet is Commodore Manny Medieros, with Rear Admiral
Max Gerard advising.

BRUSSELS: The King has called for French assistance
in resisting the English attempts to end his sovereignty

TIRANE: Only a feeble-minded idiot would aid the
Turks against Austria and Russia, Tsar. And in this
game only Nicholas is such a man. On the other hand,
only Italy could act so against their own self-interest,
Sir, Emperor of all Russians; it may be that you are
right. I would not trust him, or you for that matter!

TIRANE (part two): The Sultan of Turkey was
arrested today as he attempted to leave the country
with the kidnapped niece of King Zog. He protested,
saying his armies required his direction, but was com-
pelled to leave control of the advance to reconquer the
Balkans and reinslave this free nation founded by
Iskander Bey. Naturally his armies disintegrated at
the news of his arrest. Just goes to show anyone can
be cajoled and bribed, scum!

DEADLINE for all LSD games:

Friday, April 24, 1981



DOLLARS cont. from page 1

of my lips and says, "Another nickel, kid, we had a price hike." A WHAT? "But I had to scrounge for those pennies, you fool."

Insults definitely didn't work. Begging, crying, wheedling, and even threatening weren't too successful either. The crowd was being herded out the back door and my fellow students were oblivious to my withdrawal-induced wails.

The next thing I knew a big-armed bouncer in a Ralph Lauren suit grabs me by the collar and tosses me into the pavement. "Same to you, pal," I shouted, as I headed back to the library.

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I was at home during Christmas break with nothing to do for a day, so I spent the morning reading the Milwaukee Journal. One day, on page A26, across from the weather reports, an ad for Heritage Savings announced that I could be the proud owner of a battery-powered TUSH-CUSH with only a \$500 deposit. The amazing gadget would warm me from the bottom while I earned 5½ on my money. I hurried down to Heritage and stood in line, waiting for my TUSH-CUSH. The guy in front of me asked the teller to make out a check for \$2000. The teller asked him what he needed the check for....And that's about all I can remember.

Doctors at County General didn't have a hard time reviving me, but the therapy took a few weeks. It seems, and this took the full two weeks to deduce, that this guy needed the full \$2000 to pay for tuition, room, board, books, car payments, stereo payments, and alcohol at Rutgers for the spring semester. The doctors think that I hit the floor right around "books", but I'm pretty sure I heard "car payments."

I'm better now. I think. You see, I get dizzy every time I look at my tuition bills for the last two semesters at Georgetown and subtract Rutgers' bills. But then I think, who needs a new stereo, vacations, a BMW, and a stock portfolio? Guess.

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English.....	11 books
60 dollars CHING!	
Accounting	1 book
22 dollars CHING!	
Calculus.....	3 books
65 dollars CHING!	
Psychology.....	4 books
23 dollars CHING!	
International Relations.....	6 books
OH GHOD! 63 dollars CHING!	
Total.....	25 books
233 dollars TILT!!	

Thank you for shopping Georgetown Bookstore. We'll get you again next semester.

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The call came about 10:30 pm the night of the Inauguration. My friends had come down Saturday for the festivities and were now visiting some people they had met on a previous road trip here. While they were gone, I took the time out to ruminate on the work I'd missed, the hangovers I'd had and the money I'd spent since their arrival four days before. So as I struggled down the hall to the pay phone, I was somewhat upset to have been disturbed in the middle of some rather pleasurable dark thoughts.

"Yeah, whadda ya want?"

"Konrad, this is Brian. Me and Murph are at the Tombs with Gwen and Suzy. Why don't you come over and split a pitcher or three with us? Gwen's buying."

As a Milwaukee-raised German, it was an offer I could not refuse without abandoning the remaining shreds of my self-esteem. "Be right over," I said.

When I finally arrived, I saw the four of them

sitting around a table designed for two. They were well into their third pitcher and a debate over whether Ronald Reagan was the best or worst thing that has ever happened to America. I was in my element so I sat down and joined in.

Several hours and pitchers later--after settling a few of the great questions of man and discussing a few incidents of the night before--the lights came on. Taking our cue, we called for the check.

"SIX DOLLARS A PITCHER? I've only got \$25 on me," Gwen exclaimed.

"You've got to be kidding. Last time I was here a pitcher only cost \$4, maybe \$4.50 tops," added Brian.

"Last time you drank here was last week," I observed.

Anyway, by reaching deep into our respective pockets we eventually managed to raise enough cash to pay the bill and to keep Gwen from blowing her food money for the remainder of the week. On the way out, Brian pulled me over.



"Konrad, that was the last of my money. It's been an expensive weekend. Can you lend me enough to get home?"

Brian is a good friend, so I didn't think twice before telling him that I would. After that, Brian and Murph went to get a nightcap and I went back to my room.

As I lay in my bed, trying to fall asleep before they came back and started talking, I was delighted with the plethora of brand-new dark thoughts that I had to savor and enjoy. Life was good.

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Scene: Milwaukee, 1½ years ago or so.

It was my first date with Amy. She was cute and I never thought she would say yes. She did. Believe me, that was the nicest thing that happened to me in a while. Since it was Homecoming and I really wanted to impress her, I decided to go all out--after checking my bank account, of course.

Remembering all the scorch marks on my button-downs, I figured that it would be a whole lot smarter to get them dry-cleaned. Not stopping there, I sent my suit and tie out too.

That set me back \$10.

Then, a friend and I went out to get some booze. Since neither of us had any idea what our dates drank, we bought a little of everything.

Another \$40 bites the dust.

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The PUZZLER

World's Simplest Quiz

Babby Stephens gets a freebie for submitting this quiz. Consult The People's Almanac #2 for the correct answers.

1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
2. In which month do the Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
3. In which country are Panama hats made?
4. From which country do we get Peruvian balsam?
5. Which seabird has the zoological name *Puffinus puffinus*?
6. From which animal do we get catgut?
7. From which material are moleskin trousers made?
8. Where do Chinese gooseberries come from?
9. Louis XVIII was the last one, but how many previous kings of France were called Louis?
10. What kind of creatures were the Canary Islands named for?
11. What was King George VI's first name?
12. What color is a purple finch?
13. In what season of the year does William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" take place?
14. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
15. How long did the Thirty Year's War last?

Dipzine Cryptogram

James Woodson wins the big prize for his submission of a cryptogram based on some current zines. Spaces have been replaced with a litter and one letter has been replaced with the space.

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| 1. DBRRVRDNZR | 8. XGAZR TNKWR EKJ |
| 2. CGANVQHCQR | 9. UEVLHNYGKJHC QRKWW |
| 3. I ELEVHIEAARLQK | 10. LG ORWG |
| 4. TBFHYR | 11. IANDZHC GT |
| 5. ONVVDBRKWNRAR | 12. AGKRHVLN HWQOAGYNL |
| 6. RYBNQKHYNDBN | 13. WQOAGYNDFHTG AW |
| 7. XGQDRHGCHWGGY | 14. QKCQWRA |
| 15. VNQKLHJRG JRHNKWHLBRHW NJGK | |

Robot Logic

Finally, James Woodson also sent in a logic puzzler which we reprint from Martin Gardner's The Three Robots of Professor Tinker, which you should see to check your answer.

Professor Lyman Frank Tinker, head of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at Stanford U., was the 21st century's top designer of robots. One afternoon, for a seminar test, he brought to the classroom 3 female robots.

"One of these girls," said Tinker, "is programmed always to speak truly. Another is programmed to lie. The third is programmed so she sometimes speaks truly, sometimes falsely, on a random basis. Your problem is this. In how few questions can you identify the truther, the liar, and the somtimer?"

The second smartest student in the class asked the following 3 questions:

1. To the lady of the left he said, "Who sits next to you?" The robot answered: "The truther."
2. To the center lady he said, "Who are you?" The robot answered: "The somtimer."
3. To the lady on the right he said, "Who sits next to you?" The robot answered, "The liar."

From the 3 answers the student correctly identified all three robots. How? Then figure out how the smartest student in the class solved the problem.

Star of the Month: Jack Masters

THE LOCKHEED (Give that man a bumpersticker!)



DERRICK cont. from page 5

BER-EUROPE: "My what a herd of bloodthirsty rascals I have encountered," muttered the Kaiser after seeing the overwhelming response to his mercenary ad. The Kaiser demands cash in advance from those still interested. When it gets down to it, Wilhelm believes it's better to have 1,000,000 marks in the Bank of Berlin, than 10,000,000 in Paris, London, Vienna, or Moscow. What we can't figure out is how to move to Bur, Sil, Pru, Bal, Swe, Nth, and Hel, while supporting Eng and Fra into Bel at the same time. Not to mention Helping Austria into War, Russia into Swe, (but don't forget England), and France into Ven. That's a helluva lot to ask a 5-center Germany to carry out in one game year fellers!

PARIS: The city is having a joyous celebration in appreciation of the settlement of all strikes. The striking parties finally agreed that due to the political climate of Europe that Paris and France must not let minor squabbles come between its citizens. A government spokesman was quoted as saying, "Now that the strikes have been resolved, France can turn its attention to the major matter at hand, the destruction of the European power with imperialistic designs on France." When questions as to which power he was referring to, the spokesman said, "That's for me to know and for you to find out."

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: Look, unless you can send me a letter saying something different than the same thing the last two have said, don't bother, ok?

FRANCE-ITALY: Welcome to the greatest state in the US, the Lone Star State, Texas.

IBERIA: Now that the French forces have brought order to the Iberian peninsula, the French fleet in Spain has been dispatched to quell yet another disturbance, albeit a more serious one. It is expected that the French will maintain a military presence in Iberia throughout the spring and summer, however.

FRANCE-LSO: Will you be going to NanCon?

LSO-FRANCE: Probably. Also DalCon, which is sooner, in early June. See you there?

THREE-MINUTE DIPLOMACY

This Dip variant appeared in the first dipzine I ever subbed to, OBSESSION. Appearing in issue #4 (someime in 1973, I believe), it was authored by Paul Boozer and Carl Bailey.

There can be any number of players, as long as the number is odd.

Each player is allowed one vote. He may cast it for any of the other players. Any player receiving two or more votes is eliminated from the game.

Where there are only two players remaining, those who have been eliminated will vote for the player they want to lose. The player receiving the least number of votes is the winner.

PLEASE send me your Best/Worst Texas Jokes. I only received a couple that fall into that category, the rest are mediocre and will be forwarded to the appropriate receptacle. And hurry, Al Pearson is depending on us!

1981 B

Friendship

W 1901



BUDA, PEST DENIED SEPARATE ARMIES;
FRENCH PRESIDENT SUFFERS STROKE

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): Builds A VIE & A BUD [imp]; also has A BUD, A SER, & F GRE; plays one unit short.
ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): Builds F EDI; also has F ENG, F NTH, & A NWY.
FRANCE (Al Villanueva?): NMR! Has F MID, A GAS, & A SPA; plays one unit short.
GERMANY (George Cunningham): BUILDS A MUN & A KIE; also has A BUR, A DEN, & F HOL.
ITALY (Paul Goodrich): Builds F NAP; also has F TUN, A PIE, & A VEN.
RUSSIA (Don Scheifler): Builds A MOS & F STP(nc); also has F SWE, F RUM, A GAL, & A SEV.
TURKEY (Mike Draws): Builds F SMY; also has F BLA, A BUL, & A ARM.

- Will Arturo R. Guajardo; 3201 E. Greenlee Rd. #13; Tucson, AZ 85716; please submit standby orders for France?

- PRESS--

NAF-LSD: As the most neglected territory in this game, I am going to withdraw from the board and leave a blank spot unless LSD gives me an army. I'm not kidding! I'll really do it! All it will take is one measly army. Please!? How about a fleet? Just a little fleet?

LSD-NAF: Absolutely not! Think what would happen: first an extra fleet in Naf, then the Finns would demand an army, then the Syrians...where would it all end? Even Clyde might think it deserved one! Sorry, uh-uh, no way!

SWITZERLAND-NAF: It won't work. I tried it with Calhamer, and look what he did to me!

TURKEY-ITALY: The Devil made me build that fleet, honest. I promise it won't happen again.

SEV-GOD: Thank you!

GERMANY-FRANCE: I have made repeated offers of friendship to you to no avail. I throw up my hands in exasperation.

GERMANY-EUROPE: Representatives of the Munich Institute of Education have embarked on an educational mission in neighboring parts of France. It seems illiteracy is rampant there, reaching into the highest echelons of government!

BER-PAR: Pour reussir à Diplomacy, il faut que vous écrivez!!

POR-ENG & GER: The pain in Spain/Stays mainly in the gain.

LON-MOS: Have you ever hear of the laws of nature? Well, here is a law of Diplomacy: No letter equals fleet Edinburgh.

LON-PAR & MOS: Is there a mail strike or are we playing ESP Diplomacy?

LON-EUROPE: Ink for Presses Found!!! The current ink shortage has been solved by the English find of ink in the North Sea. The English Navy has built a special fleet in Edinburgh to protect this ink. There is enough ink for everyone. The Queen herself was heard to say she personally wishes to deliver some ink to every capital in Europe. The first capital she intends to visit is still unknown at this time.

APRIL FOOL!

Those of you who thought that this was a fake issue of LSD got fooled. Actually the only reason I put this here is to fill up the blank space. It worked, didn't it?



1981 P

Gulf Coast

F 1901

FRENCH EMPIRE DOUBLES DURING YEAR;
COMMUNICATION FOUL-UP IN GERMANY

AUSTRIA (Robert Jewett): A Vie-TYO, F Alb-GRE, A SER s F Alb-Gre.
ENGLAND (John Mayes): A Yor-EDI, F NTH-Den, F Nwg-NWY.
FRANCE (Luis Porteny): F Mid-POR, A Mar-SPA, F Bur-BEL.
GERMANY (Gary Van Wie): A KIE-Den, A Bur-Bel [insu], F HOL s A Bur-Bel [nsu], A MUN u, h.
ITALY (Don Ditter): A Apu-TUN; F ION c A Apu-Tun, A VEN h.
RUSSIA (Garry Hamlin): F Bot-SWE, A War-GAL, A Spv-RUM, F BLA s A Sev-Rum.
TURKEY (James Williams): F Con-AEG, A Smy-CON, A BUL s Austrian F Alb-Gre.

- Builds only will be due on 24 April, 1981, with spring-orders due one month later, but you might want to send a tentative set of S'02 orders anyway.

- PRESS--

ENGLAND-GERMANY: Dear Kaiser, I hate to deny you those splendid Danish treats, but you know how bloody indignant the Queen gets when you don't write.
ENGLAND-TURKEY: The "sick man of Europe" may die prematurely, please harvest the poppies before the fire sale.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA: Dear Nicky, Queen Victoria certainly remembers the conversations spoken of. The Queen also sends you warm regards and is glad to hear that you will be getting more sun.

ΕΠΙ-ΑΘΕΝΑΙ: Άνδρα μοι ἔννεπε, μοῦσα, πολύτροπον, ῥόβερτ Χουεττ, ὁ βασιλεὺς μέγας τῶν Ἀχαιῶν. Καλαμαρά! Welcome to Greece!

ANK-MOS: I don't consider the Black Sea neutral, just because it has a neutral-colored fleet in it. I guess I'll go along with your outlandish proposal for now, but beware the wrath of the Sultan of Al Tuna, should you try and cross me again.

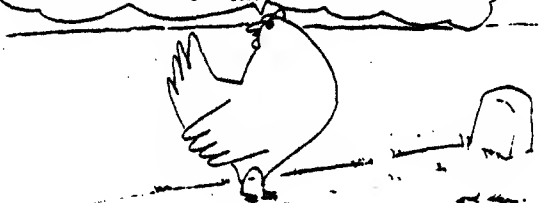
ANK-VIE: Be careful of this Russian, he's a tricky one. Be wary of the Italian also; rumor has it that the Tsar was in Rome just the other day. I wonder what they talked about.

ANK-ROM: Beware the Ides of March. Be where I can see, but not feel you. Be wearing a pink carnation when I meet you in the park.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1901 adjustments:

A:	Home, SER, GRE	5/build 2
E:	Home, NWY	4/build 1
F:	Home, SPA, POR, BEL	6/build 3
G:	Home, HOL	4/build 1
I:	Home, TUN	4/build 1
R:	Home, SWE, RUM	6/build 2
T:	Home, BUL	4/build 1

CHAPTER I
THE ROAD HAD ALWAYS BEEN THERE, IT HAD HAUNTED MY IMAGINATION, LIKE A TORTURED SHADOW LOOMING UP FROM MY PAST TO CAST ITS DARK UMBRA OVER MY FUTURE. I SUPPOSE I HAD ALWAYS KNOWN THAT SOME DAY, SOMEHOW, I WOULD HAVE TO CROSS IT. BUT WHEN THE DAY FINALLY CAME...





LSDemo Phone Game

EMBATTLED TSAR DEFENDS VALIANTLY; BRITISH NAVY PRESSES AUSTRIA IN MED

- S 1912
- A: A ARM-Sev, A ANK-Con, F CON-Bla, A Rum-UKR, A BUL-Rum, F Tri-ADR, A Ser-TRI, A BUD-Gal, A Pie-TYO, A VEN & A VIE s A Pie-Tyo, F LYO-Mar, F Wes-Spa(sc) [dsl, ret to TRH], F NAF-Mid.
- E: F MAR s German A Tyo-Pie, A BUR s F Mar, F Mid-WES, F SPA(sc) s F Mid-Wes, A GAS s F Spa, F Bre-MID, F POR s F Bre-Mid, F BAL c German A Swe-Lvn, F Nwy-NTH.
- G: A Swe-LVN, F STP s A Swe-Lvn, A Sil-GAL, A BOH s A Sil-Gal, A Ber-PRU, A Kis-BER, A Hol-RUH, A Tyo-Pie [dsl, ret to MUN].
- R: F BLA-Rum, A MOS s A Sev, A SEV s A Mos.

AUSTRIA STRETCHED THIN AS R-C-E ALLIANCE TRIES TO BURST BUBBLE

- F 1912
- A: A ARM-Sev, A ANK h, F CON-Bla, A Ukr-RUM, A BUL s A Ukr-Rum, A Vie-GAL, A BUD s A Vie-Gal, A Tyo-VIE, A TRI s A Tyo-Vie, A VEN-Pie, F Adr-ION, F Naf-TUN, F TRH s F Naf-Tun, F Lyo-TUS.
- E: F MAR-Pie, A BUR-Mar, A GAS s A Bur-Mar, F Spa-LYO, F WES s F Spa-Lyo, F Por-SPA(sc), F Mid-NAF, F Nth-ENG, F BAL c German A Ber-Lvn [nso].
- G: A Pru-WAR, A LVN s A Pru-War, A Ber-SIL, A Gal-UKR, A BOH h, A MUN s A Boh, A RUH s A Mun, F STP h.
- R: A MOS s German A Gal-Ukr, A SEV s German A Gal-Ukr, F BLA-Arm.

\$ PRESS--

VIENNA: This war has lasted too long. We would like to enter into negotiations for a peace settlement.
LSD: I'll bet you would!

RUSSIA DELIVERS POLES TO KAISER; DUAL MONARCHY SUES FOR PEACE

- W 1912
- A: Home, Italy, Turkey, Bul, Rum, Ser, Gre, Tun [even] = 14
- E: Home, Bel, Por, Spa, Mar, Bre, Nwy [even] = 9
- G: Home, Par, Hol, Den, Swe, Stp, WAR [build A Ber] = 9
- R: Sev, Mos, War [remove A Mos] = 2

AUSTRIAN PEACE PROPOSAL ACCEPTED; EUROPEANS LAY DOWN ARMS AT LAST

- RECAP
- Austria: Robert Garrett (draw W 1912)
England: Doug Tatsch (draw W 1912)
France: Charles Cunningham (resigns W 1903), CD (out S 1905)
Germany: Allen Fisher (to W 1906), Mike Blanchard (to W 1910), Allen King (draw W 1912)
Italy: Chris Frink (out F 1906)
Russia: Terry Startzel (draw 1912)
Turkey: Doug & Teresa Riffey (to W 1905), Paul Bearden (out F 1907)

LONDON: Jubilation erupted throughout the empire today at the announcement that a 4-power armistice had been reached and that peace and reason once again rule over Europe. In a short speech to Parliament, the Prime Minister praised the English people for their strength and perseverance in the face of crisis and the English Navy for once more protecting our shores while extending English power and influence throughout Europe. England now wishes to join hands with her neighbors and inaugurate a new generation of peace. God Save the King, the Queen, and the English Fleets!

Supply Center History

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
A:	5	5	8	9	9	10	11	11	12	13	14	14 draw
E:	4	5	6	6	4	5	7	10	10	9	9	9 draw
F:	5	3	2	1	-							
G:	5	7	7	7	8	7	5	4	5	7	8	9 draw
I:	4	4	2	2	2	-						
R:	5	6*	7*	7	9	11	11	9	7	5	3	2 draw
T:	5	3	2	2	2	1	-					

ENDGAME STATEMENTS--

BLACK & BLUE & RED ALL OVER by Doug Tatsch (England)

I would like to start by thanking Mike Conner for GMing the game and providing LSD as a forum for its madness. Mike's job was the most difficult of all, dealing with 7 highly emotional, neurotic, and paranoid players week in, week out. Although there were some rough spots, on the whole I found Mike to be fair and conscientious. I would also like to thank all my fellow participants for an engaging experience.

The format of the game balanced the intense, verbal contact of FTF Dip with sufficient negotiation periods for in-depth consideration of strategy and tactics. Unfortunately, last-minute negotiations and deals were the norm and often made the night before the deadline frantic, at best.

As a player I did not find the game too time-consuming. It was no more so than one or two postal games, although the phone game progressed much more quickly. It was nice to finish a 12-year game in 6 months, as opposed to a postal game of 2 years or more.

As for the game, I am please to have formed an A-G alliance in 1908 which stalemated Austria. Till then, A & R stood each other off in the east and moved westward without effective opposition. In fact, by 1903 A had created a power vacuum in the Med that practically guaranteed his participation in the endgame.

The early collapse of F & I decreed that the surviving western powers, E & G, combine to limit Robert's expansion in the west. Yet in 1904 I found myself at war with G. I was forced to ally with R to survive, but in so doing, allow R to grow dangerously large.

Austria never pushed his advantage in the Iberian bottleneck, probably because I repeatedly promised to stab R when the time was right. It was right in 1908. As G began to collapse in 1906-7 under E and R attacks a German fleet got behind Russian lines and invested Stp. In 1908, R turned his forces eastward to deal with this, and I couldn't resist the shiny backside. Once the stab was made, G had to ally with me to finish R off and stalemate A. The game was drawn in 1912 with R still alive, a recognition of Terry's spirited defense of Sev against Austria.

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Of course, there were a few other costs--the tickets to the dance, flowers, boot polish, dinner for two downtown and gas both ways, to mention a few.

Write off another 80 bananas.

Anyway, we danced all night and we got a little drunk. After the dance we went back to my place and ...talked until long after sunrise. As she got up to leave she told me, "You know, you made me feel like a million bucks tonight."

The only problem--I thought--was that was just about what it cost.

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He pulled back on the plunger and sent the metal ball up its runway and onto the playing field. It bounced around the bumpers for a little while collecting small amounts of points for the local pinball wizard. Finally, it came down on the right flipper where he carefully cradled it and started talking.

"You know, I can remember when a lousy quarter would buy you three 5-ball games. If you were any good, you could make that last forever." He sent the ball back into play. "Now, all you get is one lousy--agh!--3-ball game for your money. That doesn't last but a coupla minutes. Shit! I lost it."

He sent a replacement on its way. "I know that the new games got all kinds of electronic sounds and the like, but I still feel like I'm gettin' ripped off. The digital numbers and the fact that you get more points--C'mon, get that target--Yeah!--doesn't nearly make up for what you lose. Yeah, you get more points, but the pop goes up too. Damn! Death arc!" His second ball went down the outside left gutter.

The third and final ball was launched. "It just ain't pinball, ya know. I mean it costs me 70 damn cents to buy a pack of Newports. I mean Christ! Candy bars are getting smaller and the prices are going up. A 6-pack of Bud is what? \$2.70 All right! Got it--double bonus! You sure can't win. My work/study went up, sure, but only a dime an hour. That won't pay for more than a coupla beers and a game of pinball. DAMN!" He slammed the glass hard as his last ball disappeared down the middle. "C'mon, match!" he commanded. There was no sound. Only the "Game Over" light changed on the board. "Damn."



His anger spent, the wizard walked over to his coat. "You know, the way prices are going is sorta like that pinball over there. First you get bounced around a little bit and mebbe ya score a few points, but eventually--eventually, man--you end up in the hole. Winning is just a matter of losing less quickly than everybody else."

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This is just my general view of the game. The intricate web of intrigue and treachery woven by all the players would make lengthy reading. There is no time or space for that here, so I will consign the LSDemo Phone Game to history. Thanks, one & all.

THE GM GETS AN EARFUL

by Mike Conner

To Doug's comments I would like to add that I would like to congratulate him and the composite Germany for their respective recoveries from temporary setbacks to build their nations into forces able to stop the Austrian advance. Also credit should go to Terry for sticking with what may have seemed a losing cause.

GMing a phone game proved to require a lot of time. With one move season a week, it entailed contact with all players twice for receiving and reporting moves, twice more for retreats and/or builds each week. As GM I needed to be available for a given period of time (morning hours before noon on deadline days) to receive orders. When I couldn't observe the "office hours" once or twice, it fouled up the rhythm of the game, as ad hoc solutions were found. The lack of clearly understood house rules, especially regarding NMR procedure, and the search for reasonable ways to handle problems as they came up created some difficulties. More explicit HRs, or more developed ones could save grief for future phone GMs and players.

Though in the last month or so the game seemed to drag on and on, I find now that I miss the Tuesday deadlines hanging over my head. But will I GM another? Not on your life! Congratulations to all the drawers, and good luck in future wars.

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Game Openings: Limited openings in two games are now available. See page 2.

Standbys: Wanted. Sub credit for standbys who play to end of game or elimination.

Awards: For games beginning after April 1, 1981, see page 2. For older games, winner gets 5 free issues of LSD; participants in 2-way draw get 2 free issues.

Contributions: LSD will give sub credit to readers whose contributions are printed. Original articles and cartoons, etc. are wanted.

Alan B. Calhaver invented DIPLOMACY®, which first appeared commercially in 1959 in essentially its present form. The Avalon Hill Game Company now owns the copyright and publishes the game.



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See page 3 for deadline